

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1-24 (Cancelled)

Claim 25 (New): A suit to be worn by a person in contact with water, said suit including an outer layer of material, and wherein at least a portion of the suit includes a layer of wool, or wool blended with other fibres or materials, which forms an inner layer of the suit in contact with the person and said inner layer provided to contact and retain at least some of the liquid which enters the suit from an external source and/or from the person wearing the suit..

Claim 26 (New): A suit according to claim 25 characterised in that solely wool is used for the inner layer.

Claim 27 (New): A suit according to claim 25 characterised in that the wool is mixed with other fibres or materials to add or provide specific performance features

Claim 28 (New): A suit according to claim 25 characterised in that the wool or wool blended material is positioned over portions of the suit which when worn lie at any or any combination of the torso, legs and/or arms of the wearer.

Claim 29 (New): A suit according to claim 25 characterised in that the suit is a wetsuit and at at least a portion or portions of said suit, water can pass between the inner surface of the said outer layer of material and the person wearing the suit.

Claim 30 (New): A suit according to claim 29 characterised in that wool or wool blend is provided at said portion or portions to lie between the person and the said outer layer of material.

Claim 31 (New): A suit according to claim 30 characterised in that the wool or wool blend comes into contact with water which enters the wet suit.

Claim 32 (New): A suit according to claim 29 characterised in that the wool or wool blend is provided wherever water is permitted to pass between the diver and layer of material.

Claim 33 (New): A suit material according to claim 25 characterised in that the outer layer of material of the suit is manufactured from a rubber foam material such as neoprene or chloroprene.

Claim 34 (New): A suit according to claim 25 characterised in that the inner layer of wool or wool blend is separate to the outer layer of material and worn as a separate layer with the outer layer placed thereover with attachment means provided to attach the wool or wool blend material layer to the outer layer of material.

Claim 35 (New): A suit according to claim 25 characterised in that the wool or wool blend is integral with the outer layer of material.

Claim 36 (New): A suit according to claim 35 characterised in that the wool or wool blend is attached by lamination to the inner surface of the outer layer of material so as to lie adjacent the diver's skin when the suit is worn.

Claim 37 (New): A suit according to any of the preceding claims characterised in that the wool which is used includes or is wholly, wool from the Merino breed of sheep.

Claim 38 (New): A suit according to claim 25 characterised in that the suit includes an additional, outer, layer formed to provide protection from the external environment in which the suit is to be worn.

Claim 39 (New): A suit according to claim 25 characterised in that the wool blend includes a synthetic yarn in a proportion of between 1% to 40% by weight of the overall weight of the blend.

Claim 40 (New): A suit according to claim 39 characterised in that a material is added to the wool which is at least partially elasticated to offer improved elasticity (stretch) to the wool blend.

Claim 41 (New): A method of manufacturing a wetsuit or drysuit for use with water, said method comprising forming a layer of material into a shape for wearing by a person, and wherein a layer of wool or wool containing material is provided to lie between the person and the layer of material when the suit is worn.

Claim 42 (New): A method according to claim 41 characterised in that the method includes the step of laminating the wool material as a lining to the inner surface of the layer of material.

Claim 43 (New): A method according to claim 42 characterised in that when in the form of a wetsuit the method includes the step of providing means in the said material to permit the flow of water between the inner surface of said layer and the persons skin when the wet suit is worn and providing control means to allow the control of the quantity of water.

Claim 44 (New): A method according to claim 43 characterised in that the water passing into the area between the diver and the layer of material contacts and is absorbed by the wool or wool blend.

Claim 45 (New): A wetsuit or drysuit for use with water according to claim 25, said suit including the at least one inner portion formed of a knitted or woven material, said inner portion provided as an integral part of the suit or to be worn as an inner layer over which the outer layer of material is placed.

Claim 46 (New): A suit according to claim 45 characterised in that the knitted or woven material includes a blend of wool and other material or fibre yarn.

Claim 47 (New): A suit according to claim 46 characterised in that the wool used is Merino wool and the yarn is synthetic.